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SUBJ: PRE-IG OF NETHERLANDS ANTILLES CASP

1. ON MARCH 14, THE PRE-IG REVIEWED THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES (NA) CASP. THE FOLLOWING SUBSTANTIVE MODIFICATIONS WERE ADOPTED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COUNTRY TEAM COMMENTS ON CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY PRE-IG ASAP AS IG IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 2.

2. KEY ISSUE NUMBER TWO WAS DELETED BECAUSE THE ISSUE HAS BEEN OVERTAKEN BY RECENT EVENTS. THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT IN PARAMARIBO OF ITS INTENTION TO SEEK INDEPENDENCE BY THE END OF 1975 NECESSITATES A REVISION OF COORDINATED USG POLICY TOWARD THE NA AND SURINAM. IN VIEW OF SURINAM'S DECISION AND THE GON'S ACQUIESCENCE, USG WILL BE OBLIGED TO HAVE DIFFERENT POLICIES VIS-A-VIS THE TWO PARTNERS OF THE REALM.

3. THE PRE-IG AGREED THAT THE LEVELS OF CONCERN ASSIGN-
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ED TO THE VARIOUS US INTERESTS WERE GENERALLY HIGHER THAN

WARRENTED BY THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED IN THE CASP INSTRUCTIONS. THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WERE RECOMMENDED: CONTROL ON THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND GOODS TO AND FROM THE US, CHANGE FROM HIGH TO LOW; ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, CHANGE FROM MEDIUM TO LOW; FAIR TREATMENT AND SAFETY OF

US CITIZENS, CHANGE FROM MEDIUM TO NONE; ADVANCEMENT OF OTHER US INTERESTS, CHANGE FROM MEDIUM TO NONE; FAVORABLE DISPOSITION TOWARD US, CHANGE LOW TO NONE; OPEN CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATIONS, CHANGE LOW TO NONE.

4. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE CHANGES, PRE-IG RAISED FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: SEVERAL PRE-IG MEMBERS QUESTIONED CASP STATEMENT ON PAGE 17 THAT "US DERIVED APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT OF ITS HEATING OIL FROM THE NA." THIS FIGURE IS BEING RESEARCHED BY INTERSTED AGENCIES.

5. RE "US NATIONAL DEFENSE" INTEREST, PRE-IG REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF APPARENTLY PARADOXICAL STATEMENT ON PAGE 23 UNDER "PROJECTED CONDITIONS IN FY 76."

6. RE STATEMENT ON PAGE 35 CONCERNING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER, PRE-IG MEMBERS NOTED SHIP

VISITS IN ALL PROBABILITY WILL BE DOWN BECAUSE OF THE ENERGY CRISIS, AND CONTINUING BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS, BUT SHOULD VISITS CONTINUE TO BURDEN CONGEN, FURTHER CURTAILMENT COULD BE EXPLORED. KISSINGER

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